

**CHAPTER NO. 573**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2669**

**By Kyle, Burks**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2613

By Hargrove, Boyer

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-24-107, Section 67-4-606; Title 29, Chapter 13, Parts 1 and 3, and Title 9, Chapter 8, relative to claims against the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-307(a)(1)(S)(i), is amended by deleting the last sentence thereof in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-403, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (i) and by redesignating the existing subsections accordingly:

(i) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, claims for compensation filed under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, compiled in title 29, chapter 13, and § 40-24-107, shall be heard on the small claims docket only, unless removed to the regular docket pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-108(e)(1), is amended by deleting from the first sentence thereof the words "for other decisions of the commission".

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

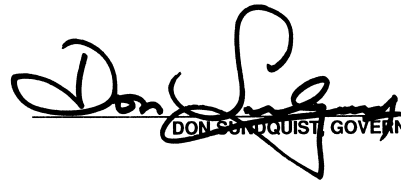
SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all claims for compensation arising from offenses occurring on or after July 1, 1999.

**PASSED: February 24, 2000**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 2nd day of March 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR